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#### NOTE

#### A NEW NAME FOR *COLPOCEPHALUM ABBOTTI* PRICE (MALLOPHAGA: MENOPONIDAE)

Price (1976. *Syst. Entomol.* 1:63) described *Colpocephalum abbotti*, and based the specific name on that of the ibis type-host, *Threskiornis aethiopica abbotti* (Ridgway).

Unfortunately, Kellogg (1899. *Occas. Pap. Calif. Acad. Sci.* 6:36) had previously described *Colpocephalum abbotti* for a louse taken from a gull, *Larus* sp. I had overlooked this earlier use of *C. abbotti* due to the fact that this name is now associated with the menoponid genus *Actornithophilus* Ferris and is further a junior synonym of *A. piceus* (Denny). A shortcoming in my card file failed to bring this to my attention. I thank Dr. R. C. Dalglish, Rensselaerville, New York, for being more efficient and for pointing this homonymy out to me.

So, with *C. abbotti* Price a junior primary homonym of *C. abbotti* Kellogg, I hereby provide *Colpocephalum tandani* nomen novum to replace *C. abbotti* Price. This name is in recognition of the numerous excellent contributions of Dr. B. K. Tandan to Mallophaga taxonomy.

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